

**Simplification on licence for pilots**

2109. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of trained pilots in Indian aviation industry;
- (b) if so, how many pilots will be required in the coming 2-3 years;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government are planning to simplify the licence of pilots under new training system; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the present trend of growth in the civil aviation sector it is estimated that a total of two to three thousand pilots would be required in the next two to three years.

(c) and (d) Government through implementation of recommended procedures of applying, preparation and taking the examinations for obtaining the licence of pilots, is simplifying the procedure without any dilution of eligibility requirements essentials to ensure safety in aviation operations.

**Joint venture for infrastructure**

2110. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry and the Ministry of Railways are together planning to invest Rs. 4 lakh crores in building the infrastructure of the country over the- next five years;
- (b) if so, the details of this ambitious plan;
- (c) what is the share of his Ministry in the total expenditure; and
- (d) how the Ministry is planning to pool the resources for this mega plan?